The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on January 19, 2021 at 7:02 p.m.

Joining the meeting remotely were Board Members Peter Pagones, Robert Paz, Emily Schreiber, Roberta Newman and Wendy Forgash. Director Elaine Cummings-Young and Secretary to the Board Marie Simoneschi were also in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Emily Schreiber. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

After Board review, Wendy Forgash made a motion to accept the Financial Report for December 2020. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Payroll for the period ending 12/10/20 was $60,023.94. Payroll for the period ending 12/24/20 was $59,375.52. Payroll for the period ending 1/7/21 was $60,738.23.

January bills totaling $71,794.90 were approved on a motion made by Emily Schreiber. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Director’s Report was read and acknowledged.

Library Statistics were reviewed.
Old Business:

New changing stations will be put up in the public bathrooms. Damaged tile in the bathroom will also be fixed.

New Business:

Peter Pagones made a motion to coordinate the library’s 2021-22 Budget and Trustee Vote with the Bellmore UFSD. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Wendy Forgash made a motion to extend provisions of Families First Coronavirus Response Act as follows:

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 related benefits afforded to employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which were to expire on 12/31/20, have been extended through 3/31/21, at the employers’ option by the federal COVID relief bill passed on 12/21/20, and signed into law on 12/27/20;

WHEREAS, the Bellmore Memorial Library Board of Trustees recognized that by providing FFCRA benefits to employees for COVID-19 related incidents, the library is promoting employees to, among other things, stay home when sick, get tested for COVID-19, and quarantine where appropriate, which ultimately fosters a healthier and safer library community for staff, patrons and the Bellmore community, generally;

RESOLVED, that the Bellmore Memorial Library Board of Trustees approves the extension of the FFCRA benefits to all full-time employees and prorated for part-time employees, expiring 3/31/31.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all library employees will be afforded the full use of all FFCRA benefits through 3/31/21, irrespective of whether such benefits were used or exhausted in 2020.

Trustee Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.
Peter Pagones made a motion to adopt the Children’s Room Policy with the correction that cell phone use be in compliance with the library’s Maintenance of Public Order. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Emily Schreiber made a motion to approve the renovation of the Reading Room window system and HVAC upgrade and to file an application for NYS Construction Aid. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Emily Schreiber made a motion to approve H2M architects and engineers’ construction estimate for the Reading Room Renovation in the amount of $205,000. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Wendy Forgash made a motion to adopt the SEQRA Resolution for the Reading Room Renovation. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Board Meeting will be held on March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:28 p.m. Peter Pagones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees